

EUROPEAN JAZZ CONFERENCE 2020

Bulgarian Showcases

A to Z Foundation (A to Z) and Europe Jazz Network (EJN) hereby issue a call for applications for music projects to be featured at the Bulgarian showcase program, taking place on 11 and 12 September 2020 at the National Palace of Culture in Sofia within the scope of the European Jazz Conference 2020 (EJC).

All professional musicians with Bulgarian nationality are eligible to apply.* Applications can be submitted by individual artists/bands or their representatives. The projects eligible for application have to consist at least of 50% members with Bulgarian nationality and a Bulgarian band leader. Priority shall be given to projects demonstrating international potential **with reference to both the content and form of application**. The selection panel shall also take into consideration projects in the making of which, however, are not devised as one-off undertakings. The projects must be ready to go on tour.

The EJC Program Committee will single out six projects to be included in the two-day programme, and outline the schedule of concerts. **Each show/concert will run for max. 30 minutes** and will be included in the conference's booklet and in the overall promotion of the event. Concerts will be attached by international participants to the Conference: promoters, managers, agents, journalists and other music professionals.

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WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligibility Criteria and Guiding Notes

Please read all of the eligibility criteria and guidelines below to ensure you are eligible before submitting your application.

***Nationality**

The applying project must have a Bulgarian band leader.
At least 50% of the band members (including the band leader) must be with Bulgarian nationality.

Age

The showcase applications are open to musicians not younger than 18 years old.

Project size

The showcase applications are open to solo artists, duos, trios and larger ensembles. However considering the logistics and financial concerns in regards of the potential of international booking, large ensembles are less likely to be selected.

For the same reason mobility and set up shall also be considered. Extensive technical rider and stage plot or exceptional needs regarding backline or special equipment might challenge the potential for international booking.

General Terms

At the showcase program all selected projects participate with equal financial and logistics conditions.

A fee of 800 BGN gross per band will be provided. Backline will be provided by the organizers.

The organizers do not cover travel and accommodation costs.

Dates and Deadlines

The application deadline is **10 March 2020**.

The final selection will be announced online on A to Jazz Festival, EJN & Bulgarian Music Association websites and social networks.

The final selection will be announced **no later than 5 April 2020**. The selected projects will be contacted directly by the organizers.

The showcases will take place on **11 and 12 September 2020** in the National Palace of Culture in Sofia.

The application must include the following:

- **contact information of the band leader or representative**
- **a presentation/resumé of the project (max. 700 characters, incl. spaces)**
- **detailed info about the band members (including name, date of birth, instrument, nationality)**
- **CV/biography of every band member**
- **high-resolution photograph of the project (min. 300 dpi)**
- **technical rider**
- **stage plot**
- **three audio and/or video links of the project recordings (YouTube, Spotify, Soundcloud, Google Drive etc)**

IMPORTANT:

1. **All the application materials must be submitted in English. Applications** submitted in any other language would not be considered.
2. **The quality and the content** of the submitted visual and text application materials are essential for the final selection. They must be suitable for publication in the official communication materials of the European Jazz Conference.
3. **FORM TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ejc2020showcases>
4. **Deadline: Wednesday 10 March 2020**